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1. SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICER TARASENKO CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAY APRIL 16 FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE EAST TOPICS. HE MADE THE POINT, GIVING IT AS HIS OWN VIEW, THAT IF THE U.S. AND USSR CONTINUED ON SEPARATE PATHS IN MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS, AND IF NO PROGRESS WERE MADE, U.S. COULD NOT EXPECT SOVIETS TO REMAIN PASSIVE MUCH LONGER. THE USSR WOULD HAVE TO TAKE SOME INITIATIVE. HE DISCLAIMED ANY IDEA OF WHAT SUCH AN INITIATIVE MIGHT CONSIST OF, BUT EMPHASIZED IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION THE INEVITABILITY THAT ATTEMPTS WOULD BE MADE TO TAKE THE PROBLEM TO THE UN IF GENEVA CONTINUED TO BE INACTIVE.

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2. TARASENKO IS HARDLY AUTHORITATIVE ON SOVIET POLICY,
BUT HE MADE SUCH A PARTICULAR POINT OF HIS STATEMENT THAT
WE WONDER WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE OTHER INDICATIONS OF A
SOVIET INITIATIVE IN THE OFFING. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
EMBASSY'S COMMENTS. ROBINSON

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